

DON'T WANT YOU TO KNOW!



BUT KNOW THIS, THAT IN THE LAST DAYS GRIEVOUS TIMES WILL BE UPON US. 2 TIM. 3:1 (KJ3)

Valley Grace Brethren Church of Armagh, PA November the 3rd, AD 2024

THE LORD'S DAY

The Third Day of November, in the Year of our Lord 2024

-ONE-IS YOUR-MASTER-AND-ALL-YE-ARE-BRETHREN-

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Welcome to the worship services of Valley Grace Brethren Church!

Sunday School—9:30 AM.

In our examination of Church History, we examine some exemplary leaders of the past whose testimony still shines brightly to this very day.

Morning Worship—10:30 AM.

Call to Worship: "Grace Greater than our Sin" (#38; chorus only)."

Invocation.*

Hymn: "Blessed be the Name" (#22).

Prayer for Tithes & Offerings.

Scripture Reading: Isa. 51:1-3.

Prayer, Praises, & Testimony.

Hymn: "In the Garden" (#19).

Announcemnts.

Hymn: "Peace Like a River" (#207).

Dismissal for Children's Church.

Greeting One Another.

Message: "MORE SCRIPTURES THAT TODAY'S ELITES ABHOR."

Closing Hymn:* "He is Lord" (#21; 2X's).

Benediction.*

*Please stand, if able.



Week of Oct. 27 - Nov. 2

Sunday School—6; Morning Worship—15;

Midweek—5; Offering—\$454.00

Video (Facebook, Rumble, YouTube): "II Scriptures, pt. 2"—77 views;

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NATIONALISM OR GLOBALISM? PASTOR TERRY L. REESE, 10/31/24

"He made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the surface of the earth, having determined appointed seasons, and the boundaries of their dwellings, that they should seek the Lord..."—Acts 17:26-27a:

In his Farewell Address, **President George Washington** warned the American people about entering into long-term alliances with foreigners (e.g., NATO), which he believed would have a *toxic influence* upon our Republic.

For a century, we more-or-less observed this counsel—until the rise of modern crusading *Progressivism*. Both *Wilsonian Idealists* and *Neocons* have convinced generations of Americans—both *left* & *right*—that it is our "mission" to depose foreign regimes if their philosophy of governance is disagreeable to our own. Thus, in 2003 Americans conquered a sovereign Arab republic (Iraq) in a well-meaning but nonetheless ill-advised attempt to impose "American values" upon a nation whose people were *culturally unprepared* for it—with sadly predictable results!

Addressing the Athenians (Acts 17), Paul observes that God created *diverse nations* with their own *appointed times* and *borders*. This arose out of the disaster of Babel, when sinful men, under the leadership of Nimrod (Gen. 10:8-12), ignored God's directive to "fill the earth" (Gen. 9:1) and initiated a **one-world government** (Gen. 11:1-4). In judgment, God confused their languages and dispersed the nations—thus delivering mankind from the boundless evils (Gen. 11:6) and tyranny (Rev. 13) that would have accompanied such an **Antichrist global-regime**.

True, nations still engage in petty rivalries, warring against one another—and will do so until the Lord returns (Matt. 24:6-7). But the organization of peoples into **distinct sovereign nation-states** is far preferable to the alternative—which is one-world government!

Observe the following:

- 1) Patriotism—properly observed—is a pilgrim virtue (Jer. 29:7)!
- 2) Borders are by Divine design!
- **3) Even in the Millennium** (Micah 4:2, Isa. 19:25) and in the **Eternal State** (Rev. 21:24, 22:2) *national distinctions remain*!
- **4)** The diffusion of temporal power amongst separate nations has been **providentially conducive** to the *advance of the Gospel*.

11 Scriptures

that today's "elites" would rather you NOT know!

- I. On BIBLICAL AUTHORITY—2Tim. 3:16-17.

 The Word is an INFALLIBLE & INERRANT source of authority!
- II. On WORLDLY WISDOM—1Cor. 3:18-19.

 Secular human wisdom is FOOLISHNESS in the sight of God!
- III. On THE "MYTH OF PROGRESS"—Ps. 51:5.

 ORIGINAL SIN rules out the claims of utopian, progressive "human potential" movements that affirm an inevitable "societal evolution."
- IV. On NATIONALISM vs. GLOBALISM—Acts 17:26-27a.
 Individual sovereign Nation-States with recognizable borders (NOT a global "World-State") represents God's will for this present Age!
- V. STATISM vs. FREEDOM OF CONCIENCE—Matt. 22:21. Caesar is NOT granted dominion over our Faith & our consciences!
- VI. On the Prospect of CLIMATE CHANGE—Isa. 51:3.

 The prophetic Scriptures make it clear that human influence upon the climate will NOT bring about the end of the World!
- VII. The PURPOSE of SECULAR GOVERNMENT—Rom.13:4. Secular Government was ordained of God to protect mankind from suffering under a lawless chaos by establishing LAW & ORDER!
- VIII. On ABORTION & THE RIGHT TO LIFE—Luke 1:41.

 The Bible is clear: Human Life begins at the point of CONCEPTION!
- IX. MARRIAGE, HOMOSEXUALITY, GENDER—Matt. 19:4-6. The Creation-Model of Holy Matrimony affirms that marriage lawfully exists only between ONE MAN & ONE WOMAN. God has declared homosexuality an unnatural ABOMINATION, and He has created only TWO FIXED GENDERS—MALE & FEMALE!
- X. On the CHOSEN PEOPLE OF ISRAEL—Gen. 12:3.

 God's Plan for the future redemption of ethnic-national Israel during the Great Tribulation period CANNOT be thwarted! Antisemitism is a Satanically-directed movement that contains its own CURSE!
- XI. ON TRUE FAITH—John 6:28-29.

We are NOT principally called to enact a worldly "Social Gospel" agenda involving economic/political reform & "social justice." The Church's chief concern should be the salvation & sanctification of souls! Our world is full of hell bound sinners who need Jesus!